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Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith for the application identified above entitled, ENDOTHELIN ANTAGONISTS, are the following.

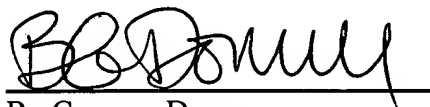
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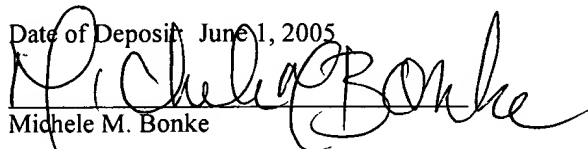
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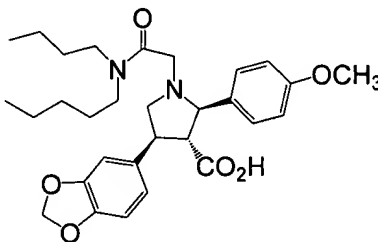
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction dated April 4, 2005, having a shortened Statutory Period for Reply due June 4, 2005, pursuant to a one (1) month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicants hereby elect to restrict the invention to the claims of Group V without traverse.

For the Examiner's convenience the structure of (2R,3R,4S)-(+)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-(1,3-benzodioxol-5-yl)-1-(N,N-di(n-butyl)aminocarbonylmethyl)pyrrolidone-3-carboxylic acid is

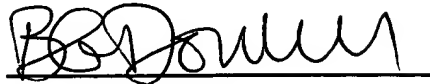


Amendment of the claims to reflect the election is deferred until examination on the merits.

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